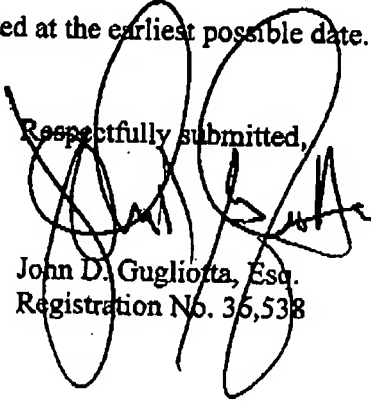


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1 and 5 stand rejected. Claims 2-4 have been allowed, and Claims 1 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

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